

Van Zant PTO

October 16th, 2024 7pm VZ LIBRARY

Welcome Back-7:10 Start time

Officers Reports

- **President-Melissa Gale/Kristie Correll**

Recess Runners- up and running; Room Reps (Introduction, Collect Party Money, First Party-Halloween); Picture Day- went well, thank you to the parents who came in to help; Five Guys Dine Out (Oct 15th); VZ Trunk or Treat (Oct 24th), Halloween Parties & Parade (Oct 31st - 1:15pm); Clubs-started last week; Snack Attack (forms went home this week) Nov 4th & 6th; Teacher Convention 7th & 8th; VZ Paint Night(New Event) Nov 8th (Amy Jarozynski leadership project; lead by Loaded Brush's Karen)-open to kids and adults \$20 per person- located in the cafeteria so cut off is 100 people- not a drop off event; Turkey Trot- date to be determined ; Holiday Vendor Fair/Craft Show (Nov 23rd) -located in the gym, only 8 spots left. BMX assembly from the PTO.

- President's Meeting: Nov 6th.
 - Takeaways from last meeting - events will need to start around 6 because of the new after care program (Just Kids). Also, talks of field trips coming back but will have to stay local due to bussing.
 - BOE Elections: On the Ballot: Kevin Peelman & Write In Candidates Terri Butrymowicz & Heather Hansault
 - Wednesday November 23 - Meet the Candidates night at VZ.
- Thank you cards - Thanks to Book Fair Committee - Chair Chrissy Figueroa - Thanks to Recess Runners chair for Twilight Run - Thank you to Gabby for the clothing fundraiser.
- **VP Activities:** Christine Lydic
 - Art Goes to School- Hoping to have someone present what this is at the next PTO meeting,
 - Art to Remember,

- Blood Drive - Tuesday Nov. 19 - 9am-2pm. Working on an update flyer. For the spring blood drive week looking at the first week of April.
- Book Fair - Super Successful - Gross sales over \$20,000. Family night was very successful as well. Book Vending machine idea. This would be using scholastic dollars to replenish books in the machine and be able to use for incentives for students. Spring book fair will be a multicultural theme - maybe do our own VZ multicultural night.
- Box Tops
- Color Run - waiting on a date - thinking the first week of April (tentative %),
- Dine-Outs -first dine out -Five Guys. Trying to stagger the dine outs a bit. Next one - Dec 5th at On the Border. TCBY will be doing a thanksgiving pie fundraisers. Orders due Nov. 22. TCBY also giving halloween treat cards to students.
- Fun Fair
- Holiday Shop
- Hospitality
- Recess Runners - some issues with not getting enough volunteers. Thinking of sending out requests the night before.
- Recreation
- Room Reps
- Science Spectacular
- Snack Attack- flyers sent out. Due date this Friday 10/18. Committee asked to help package and send out pretzels.
- Someone Special Dance - Thursday January 23 - It will be at Demasi Middle - 6:30 - 8:30
- Staff Appreciation Week,
- Trunk or Treat - DJ is booked. Thinking of including Pizza. A movie on the field - movie still tbd. Need candy. Pumpkin decorating will be provided by a local church. We are still in need of trunks- we only have 18 at this time. Will also send a volunteer sign up to Cherokee. Thinking of an option of using a borrowed popcorn machine for the popcorn and just buying kernels.
- Fifth Grade Committees- emails for committee sent out. First meeting on Monday October 28 at 7pm on zoom.

- **VP Fundraising-Gabrielle Atkins** (Spirit Wear, Mum & Fall Planter Sale, Casa Vita Pillows)
 - Pillow sales - orders due the end of October 25.
 - Mum sales went well and looked great
 - Spirit Wear is in and should have gone home.

- **VP Membership-Victoria Smith**
 - Membership around 245. Possible doing an incentive special for class with most membership.
- **Recording Secretary-Sheena Heberlig** (Room Reps)
- **Corresponding Secretary-Cassie Burns;** Sign Up Remind;-81010 - vzpto24 - sign up please; "thank you acknowledgements", Social Media & Website
 - Thank you cards to the PTO for book fair

- **Treasurer-Melissa Nerney** Present and Vote of Budget for 2024-2025 school year
 - No holiday wreath fundraiser, but there are a few fundraisers
 - Read-a -thon considered to be done again.
 - A slight increase in budget due to inflation.
 - Request for any help from someone who can help with tax info.
 - Voted on the budget - Vicky made a motion to approve with full support to approve the budget.

Principal's Report-Mr. DiBlasi New Business/Announcements -

Parent visitation at Van Zant -November 20

Turkey trot - Nov.22 -Will need turkey recess runners tokens

Genesis opens next week for conferences.

Next BOE Meeting: Oct 24th at 6:30 pm at MMS

Next PTO Meeting: Nov 21st 7pm

***Questions/Comments/Suggestions**

Mentioned the VZ scarecrow at the promenade - Please take a minute to vote.

Possible Karaoke night.

Possible give Back Day on MLK day.